



HUNTINGTON

Hampshire County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Huntington is referred to locally as the gateway to the Berkshires. Bounded by Northampton to the east and Westfield to the south, Huntington is a desirable bedroom community. The town's rural character and its natural resources are a source of pride to all of its almost 2000 residents.

Huntington has a varied, in some cases spectacular, topography. The town contains a series of narrow valleys through which several streams and rivers flow. In contrast, there are hills which reach over 1400 feet in altitude. The Knightville and Littleville dams provide scenic impoundments amounting to some 2400 acres of federally owned open space while approximately 70 acres is contained in Gardner State Park. Huntington offers swimming, fishing, hiking and picnicking within its borders. In the early spring, the oldest continuously run whitewater race in the United States is held. The 40th Annual Westfield River Whitewater Canoe Race was held in 1993, which also marked the first time the Whitewater Open Canoe Downriver National competition was held in Massachusetts. The Westfield River Canoe Club has applied to host the nationals again. Residents feel that the controlled release of water from the Knightville Dam and the many accessible viewing areas, which made Huntington a good location for the race, also demonstrated to visitors from across the nation, the unique and precious resources which characterize the town.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Western Massachusetts, bordered by Blandford on the southwest, Chester and Worthington on the west, Chesterfield on the north, Westhampton and Southampton on the east, and Montgomery and Russell on the south. Huntington is 25 miles northwest of Springfield; 35 miles east of Pittsfield; 110 miles west of Boston; 75 miles from Albany, New York; and 145 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 26.91 sq. miles

Land Area: 26.64 sq. miles

Population: 1,987

Density: 75 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Knightville Dam Station)

Normal temperature in January.....20.1°F

Normal temperature in July.....68.7°F

Normal annual precipitation.....45.1"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Westhampton, Chester, Woronoco, Blandford

Regional Planning Agency

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Springfield



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 667-3500

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1855

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	1,237		
Democrats	197	15.9	%
Republicans	139	11.2	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	901	72.8	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Huntington town, Hampshire County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	2,174	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	2,174	100.0
Male.....	1,079	49.6	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	40	1.8
Female.....	1,095	50.4	Mexican.....	8	0.4
Under 5 years.....	122	5.6	Puerto Rican.....	18	0.8
5 to 9 years.....	159	7.3	Cuban.....	4	0.2
10 to 14 years.....	201	9.2	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	10	0.5
15 to 19 years.....	171	7.9	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	2,134	98.2
20 to 24 years.....	89	4.1	White alone.....	2,088	96.0
25 to 34 years.....	263	12.1	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	390	17.9	Total population.....	2,174	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	348	16.0	In households.....	2,174	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	152	7.0	Householder.....	809	37.2
60 to 64 years.....	68	3.1	Spouse.....	499	22.5
65 to 74 years.....	108	5.0	Child.....	691	31.8
75 to 84 years.....	80	3.7	Own child under 18 years.....	548	25.2
85 years and over.....	23	1.1	Other relatives.....	76	3.5
Median age (years).....	36.9	(X)	Under 18 years.....	35	1.6
18 years and over.....	1,572	72.3	Nonrelatives.....	109	5.0
Male.....	779	35.8	Unmarried partner.....	53	2.4
Female.....	793	36.5	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	1,494	68.7	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	250	11.5	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	211	9.7	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	89	4.1	Total households.....	809	100.0
Female.....	122	5.6	Family households (families).....	597	73.8
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	283	35.0
One race.....	2,149	98.9	Married-couple family.....	499	60.4
White.....	2,121	97.6	With own children under 18 years.....	216	26.7
Black or African American.....	9	0.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	72	8.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	4	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	47	5.8
Asian.....	9	0.4	Nonfamily households.....	212	26.2
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	155	19.2
Chinese.....	7	0.3	Householder 65 years and over.....	55	6.8
Filipino.....	-	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	308	38.1
Japanese.....	2	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	153	18.9
Korean.....	-	-	Average household size.....	2.69	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.10	(X)
Other Asian ¹	-	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	935	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	809	86.5
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	126	13.5
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	88	9.4
Some other race.....	6	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.9	(X)
Two or more races.....	25	1.1	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	4.3	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	809	100.0
White.....	2,145	98.7	Owner-occupied housing units.....	632	78.1
Black or African American.....	15	0.7	Renter-occupied housing units.....	177	21.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	10	0.5	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.76	(X)
Asian.....	19	0.9	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.42	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	10	0.5			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	0
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Huntington is located between the Berkshires and the Pioneer Valley. It has good access to the airport and rail facilities of the latter region, due to its situation along U.S. Route 20.

Major Highways

Principal highways are U.S. Route 20, which runs E-W across the state, and State Routes 66 and 112.

Rail

Conrail provides freight service through Huntington. Contact number: (617) 783-6222

Bus

Huntington is a member of the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA). There is no fixed route service, but FRTA provides paratransit services for the elderly and disabled through the Huntington Council on Aging.

Other

Barnes Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has a 5,000' x 100' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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